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1	COUNSELING FOR FAMILIES OF VETERANS
2	2006 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Tim M. Cosgrove
5	Senate Sponsor:
6 7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill creates a counseling program for servicemembers and their families.
10	Highlighted Provisions:
11	This bill:
12	<ul><li>provides definitions; and</li></ul>
13	<ul> <li>directs the Department of Health to develop and implement a statewide counseling</li> </ul>
14	program for servicemembers and their families to facilitate the reintegration of
15	servicemembers back into civilian and family life after deployment.
16	Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
17	None
18	Other Special Clauses:
19	None
20	Utah Code Sections Affected:
21	ENACTS:
22	<b>39-8-101</b> , Utah Code Annotated 1953
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25	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
26	Section 1. Section <b>39-8-101</b> is enacted to read:
27	Part 8. Servicemember's Counseling Program



28	<u>39-8-101.</u> Definitions.
29	As used in this part:
30	(1) "Active duty" means that a servicemember is activated and deployed outside the
31	state pursuant to federal orders under Title 10 or Title 32, United States Code.
32	(2) "Servicemember" means a resident of this state who is a member of the Utah
33	National Guard or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces in this state.
34	Section 2. Section <b>39-8-102</b> is enacted to read:
35	39-8-102. Counseling program.
36	(1) There is created within the Department of Health, a counseling program for the
37	families of servicemembers on active duty.
38	(2) The Department of Health shall develop and implement a statewide counseling
39	program for the servicemember and the servicemember's immediate family.
40	(3) The program shall:
41	(a) be available to the servicemember and the servicemember's immediate family from
42	the beginning date of active duty until one year from the date of return or deactivation,
43	whichever is later; and
44	(b) include counseling services designed to facilitate the reintegration of the
45	servicemember back into civilian and family life.
46	(4) The Department of Health shall seek input from the Utah National Guard regarding
47	the content of the counseling program.

## Legislative Review Note as of 2-17-06 10:47 AM

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

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